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UNDER PROTEST

MINERS VACATE STRIKE

"ARE AMERICANS; CAN NOT FIGHT GOVERNMENT."

Indianapolis, Nov. 11.—An order calling off the nationwide bituminous coal strike was issued here today following the decision of the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America early this morning to obey the mandate of United States District Judge A. B. Anderson, issued here last Saturday. The general committee, composed of international officers and district presidents and members of the legislative board and scale committee, reached its decision at 4:10 this morning.

"Gentlemen, we will comply with the mandate of the court. We do it under protest. We are Americans. We cannot fight our government. That is all."

This was the statement of John L. Lewis, acting president of the miners union, announcing the decision.

Marionville.

Special to the News.

Cool weather is the order of the day.

N. F. Campbell went to Jasper Tuesday.

Tom Davis went to Sequatchie one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hall have moved into their new house.

Luther Chambers and Lee Bell called at N. F. Campbell's Saturday night to hear the phonograph.

Mrs. Gertie Colston is very sick.

Miss Lizzie Davis was the guest of Misses Emma and Mae Campbell Sunday.

Chas. Louis called on Lowman and Claud Campbell Sunday.

Miss Emma Campbell said she sure enjoyed the music Saturday night.

Misses Wilma Tunnell and Ellen Colston called on Misses Delia and Emma Campbell Friday.

Lee Bell sure is a banjo player.

Mrs. Eliza Campbell called on Mrs. Jim Tunnell Saturday evening.

Dr. Irish of Jasper, was on the mountain Saturday.

Mrs. Alfred Morgan called on Mrs. Lee Morgan one day last week.

Lee Tunnell went to Jasper Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. McCollum have moved to the mountain.

Miss Delia Campbell says she will be glad when Christmas comes. Wonder why?

Brown Eyes.

Miss Bessie Nunley.

Tracy City, Nov. 10.—Miss Bessie Nunley died Nov. 4 of tuberculosis, at the home of her father, B. Nunley. Interment was made at Clouse Hill Wednesday.

Eastland.

Special to the News.

Please allow me space for a few words from old Clifty, as I see a letter from "Lone Star," giving us all a good scolding for not writing to the News.

The mines at this place are closed on account of the strike of the miners. My personal opinion will not have anything to do in a settlement of the trouble, but I hope it will not make matters worse. I believe our government is mostly to blame on account of allowing our wholesale and retail merchants to get profits to such an enormous percent, as to amount to practically highway robbery. If our government had taken steps to prevent such conduct five years ago, or even three years ago, we would not today be in such an industrial upheaval. Five years ago you could buy the famous Douglas shoes for \$3.50, while now the same kind of shoes are held at from \$7.50 to \$8.50. I call this some advance, while other things which we must have have advanced in about the same proportion. And, now, right here in Tennessee we can purchase only 25c worth of sugar at a time and there are 60,000,000 lbs. of it at New Orleans waiting for shipment abroad. Also at New York there is an immense amount to be sent abroad.

Now, some will say the Government can't help this. Sure it can prevent shipping away such as the people need at home, and if we have a surplus those who have none ought to be allowed to have it at a fair price, and not be made to pay a price which will prohibit poor people from getting any at all. For we all know that we can't afford to pay for living as we are at present very much longer if there is any possible way to lower the cost. Our government, so far as I know, has never punished anyone whom it has prosecuted for profiteering in any commerce of our country. I know our Congress and Senate could set a maximum price on any or all foods if they so chose, just the same in peace as in war, and thus prevent those who have no sense of honor from robbing the people at a time when production was below normal and the country in a condition where the people can't help themselves. If the autocrats of our country were just men and wanted to do the right thing, they could change conditions so that it would make it possible for us to live without strikes, such as we have now.

The writer of this article is now 60 years of age and has worked among miners for 33 years of the 60. I know the miners are the most abused of any class in this nation from the fact they just pay the price asked by the operators and spend all they earn at the company store, if they have one, and nearly all coal corporations have one. If the company gives an increase in wages, almost invariably the prices of all they must buy go up and their store manager and clerks tell you lard is advancing, and nearly everything goes up in price, so instead of an increase you have a cut in wages. I know these are facts from my own experience, and can prove it by good men and bad men alike. I can prove it by men who have had charge of commissaries and clerks who have worked in their stores. Another thing they practice is to advance the price of goods which have been bought for several months at a price much below the present prices. This is rascality in the whole

cloth and men who will do this are not fit to be loose in civilization and should be in the state prison for life. Such a thing as honor does not exist in the commercial world.

I am still paralyzed and able to walk but very little, and can't hardly use my left arm at all. I can never hope to be active any more so as to be able to do any labor, but I still love to read the News, as it always contains articles of interest to me.

I was pleased to note the recovery of G. W. Coppinger, sheriff of Marion county. Wash and I have been friends for 45 years. I was well acquainted with all the Coppinger boys, Austin, Dock or Hugh, Jesse, Wash and Isham. Have spent several nights at Aunt Susie Coppinger's home when a boy. Uncle Joe.

COMMERCIAL CLUB REVIVED AT DUNLAP

Dunlap, Nov. 11.—The Sequatchie County Commercial Club, with headquarters at this place is to be revived, and will meet Nov. 12 for reorganization. A lot of young blood will be injected into the membership, and the slogan is for the establishment of a cannery during the coming year as well as the securing of suitable warehouses for the preservation of potatoes and other vegetables, and also meats. The finances of the county will be also looked into, and influence will be used to make the town better and more sanitary. The matter of incorporation will also be looked into in preparation for introduction in the next general assembly, and a fight to secure bonds for road improvement will also be made. A clean-up campaign will also be inaugurated.

DEPUTY DROWSY; PRISONER ESCAPES

Whitwell, Nov. 8.—L. K. Smith was arrested at Whitwell Thursday afternoon at the instance of the sheriff of Bledsoe county, for stealing a horse from a McMinnville party. The arrest was made by deputies Powell and Vanhooser, and Powell was ordered to take the prisoner to Pikeville, but owing to having indulged to liberally in an intoxicant of some kind, the prisoner got away at some point between Dunlap and Pikeville, and no trace of him has been discovered since. Powell lost his job as deputy next day. Sheriff Coppinger has removed him from his force.

NEW COAL COMPANY TO DEVELOP COLLEGE

Pikeville, Nov. 10.—A strong company is being formed to develop coal veins found in Bledsoe county near College. Test openings have been made and show the vein unbroken. A switch track will be laid thru the King farm to the foot of Cumberland Mountain where the incline will be built. It is intended to mine this coal on a large scale.

Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown, Jasper, Friday Oct. 31, a daughter, Dr. Wesley Songer, of Jasper, attending.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Brymer, of near Whitwell, Saturday, Nov. 1, a son. Dr. Wesley Songer attending.

Paris, Texas.

Special to the News.

We have had some sunshine the last week. I hope the farmers will get some of their cotton and corn yet. If it will stay dry a while they may get some of their crops, though it will be damaged in grade until the price will not be so much.

Miss Attie Wright returned to her home at Ashdown, Ark., after visiting her sister two weeks.

Mrs. E. C. Bracken was called to Dallas last Monday to see Mr. Bracken's sister, Mrs. J. W. Payne. Mrs. Payne was in the Baptist infirmary for an operation. She seems to be getting along very nicely, and it is thought the operation was a success. Mrs. Payne is my youngest daughter. Mrs. Bracken returned Wednesday night. We were all glad to see her at home again. Everything seemed lonely while she was gone last week. She accompanied her husband to Kansas City, and just returned Sunday, Nov. 2, and left Tuesday, the 4th, at 5:30 a.m. for Dallas.

I received a letter from my sister this morning on her 63rd birthday. She is the wife of "J. G.", the News correspondent at Eastland, Tenn.

We are having a little winter. The last few days of cold weather, warns us that winter is here and that the miners are on a strike. We feel it especially when we get a bill for a ton of coal, "\$14, please." That is pretty high, but such is life now. If one can make their salary cover their expenses they are expert financiers. If one gets less than a ton of coal he has to pay \$1.00 per 100 lbs. Everything else is just as high. One has to be very careful to get around and have enough to have a good dinner on Sunday.

I am still improving slowly and I can get around home pretty well now. I hope to be able to go down to Dallas, Tarrant and Denton counties by Christmas. I will be gone a month or more. All of my friends here say I am looking well. I knew all the time I was good-looking. It did not require the treatment in St. Joseph's to let me know I was about the best looking in Paris, but possibly it did take the treatment in the infirmary for my friends to see it or have the nerve to say it.

What has become of old "Tennesseean." Wonder if he went on another duck hunt and his Ford got excited and ran up a tree and he can't get down, or he ate so much fatty bread he is not able to write another interesting piece. Come again, "Tennesseean, we all like your letters."

Was glad to see the write up of Jasper in last week's paper. I wish them great success and hope they will make Jasper a good business centre in its old days. I know of a few times when, with the proper encouragement they might have secured some enterprises that would have been of much value to building up Jasper and making it the commercial centre of old Sequatchie Valley. I hope to see them overcome all kickers and succeed in making a thriving money-making town. All together for Jasper and Marion county. Lone Star.

Mail Carrier Examination.

Pikeville Nov. 10.—An examination for rural carrier under the civil service, will be held at this place December 12.

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DIES VICTIM TO DREADED MILK-SICK

Monteagle, Nov. 10.—Mrs. R. M. Payne died at Monteagle Nov. 4, aged 68. She is survived by a son, Buford, who is in business in Birmingham, Ala., and a daughter, Mrs. Kate Sales. Funeral services were conducted at Fairmount Chapel Wednesday, Rev. W. H. DuBose, of the Episcopal Church officiating. It is said that her death was caused by that strange disease known as "milk-sick." Her husband died a few years ago. The family was one of the prominent families of the section, formerly residing at So Pittsburg, where Mr. Payne was interested in the Battle Creek Coal Co.

BOUGHT FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM

Tracy City, Nov. 10.—E. B. Finney, who for a number of years has practiced dentistry in Tracy City, has purchased a farm in Franklin county and has moved his family there. He will also resume the practice of his profession in Winchester, opening an office there. He has been a resident of Tracy City since 1895, and has been very prominent in the upbuilding of the county.

DUNLAP BOOK CLUB ENTERTAINS GUESTS

Dunlap, Nov. 7.—The Dunlap Book Club was entertained by Mrs. H. P. Payne last week at her beautiful home here. Mrs. W. A. Grigg, the wife of internal revenue collector Grigg, of Nashville, who is in business in the valley, was the guest of the club. Mrs. Grigg is a lady of great culture. Other guests were Misses Martin, Farmer and Swift, faculty in the Sequatchie county high school.

Don't borrow this paper, subscribe for it like an honest man.

BLED SOE VOTES \$50,000 ROAD BONDS

Pikeville, Nov. 10.—Bledsoe county, thru its county court last week, voted \$50,000 in bonds to finish the four main highways leading thru the county, viz., the one leading from Sequatchie county line to the Cumberland county line and the one leading from the Rhea county line to the Van Buren county line, all centering at Pikeville. Mr. Teserman, member of the State Highway Commission was present and addressed the court.

These bonds were voted under an act which allows a county court to vote bonds not exceeding 5 per cent. of the assessed valuation of a county without submitting it to a vote of the people. These roads will be built under government supervision and must be 24 feet wide with not less than 16-foot surface. They must be surfaced with limestone and it is estimated that following the grading already accomplished these roads can be built for \$3,000 per mile. The vote of the court was practically unanimous. S. H. Blackburn, E. G. Tollett, F. J. Bickford, R. D. Roberson voting for the measure and A. C. Hutcherson not voting. Squires John Hughes and M. T. Hamilton were not present.

JASPER LAWYER HAS PRIZE HOG

Jasper, Nov. 8.—J. W. Morrison, one of Jasper's well known lawyers, mixes agriculture with law, and just at present has the biggest fattening hog in the community, if not in the county. It was estimated last week by J. R. Janey, an expert in guessing at cattle and hog weights, as not less than 500 lbs. It will probably reach 600 before slaughtering time. Mr. Morrison has other heavy hogs in his pen, but this is the booster one.

One dollar a year is awful cheap for this paper. It should be \$2.

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